(a) whether DDA had suffered a loss of Rs. 1.31 crore because of revision of contract and non-completion of construction work of peripheral storm water drain in Rohini/Dwarkatill March, 2000;

(b) whether it is a fact that delay in approval of revised lay out plan, structural foundation and finalisation of drawing has been another factor leading to heavy loss to DDA;

(c) if so, the detailed reasons therefor; and

(d) the steps being taken to check these losses and delays?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF URBAN DEVELOPMENT AND POVERTY ALLEVIATION (SHRI BANDARU DATTATRAYA): (a) to (d) The information is being collected and will be laid on the Table of the House.

Housing scheme for poor

† 889. DR. A. K. PATEL: Will the Minister of URBAN DEVELOPMENT AND POVERTY ALLEVIATION be pleased to state:

(a) the names of States where scheme for providing houses to the poor at half of the value will be implemented;

(b) the details of the persons to whom the said houses will be provided in each State alongwith the basis thereof; and*

(c) the number of such types of houses proposed to be built in each State?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF URBAN DEVELOPMENT AND POVERTY ALLEVIATION (SHRI BANDARU DATTATRAYA): (a) to (c) The Government has recently decided to launch a new scheme known as Valmiki Ambedkar Awas Yojana to provide shelter or upgrade the existing shelter for people below poverty line in urban slums for achieving the goal of housing for all as outlined in the National Housing and Habitat Policy. This scheme is applicable to all States/Union Territories in the country.

Under the scheme, the following reservations have been earmarked:—

(i)	SC/ST	—	not less than 50%
(ii)	Backward Classes	—	30%

† Original notice of the question was received in Hindi.

(iii) Other Weaker Sections 15%
(OBC, BC etc. as defined in any particular State)

(iv) Physically and mentally — 5%
disabled and handicapped persons

Within this reservation, preference will be given to women headed households, urban poor who are members of self-help groups and persons eligible for old age pension as defined by the State Government. 4 lakh houses are expected to be completed annually under the scheme. The State-wise targets and allocations will be based on the States slum population.

Implementation of Valmiki-Ambedkar Housing Scheme

† 890. PROF. M. M. AGARWAL: Will the Minister of URBAN DEVELOPMENT AND POVERTY ALLEVIATION be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government have formulated the Valmiki- Ambedkar Housing Scheme;

(b) whether it is a fact that Government propose to provide pucca houses to replace the slums in different cities and metropolitan cities in the country;

(c) if so, the details thereof;

(d) the details of amount allocated by Government in this regard; and

(e).The effective steps taken by Government, so far, to implement the said project?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF URBAN DEVELOPMENT AND POVERTY ALLEVIATION (SHRI BANDARU DATTATRAYA): (a) to (c) The Government has recently decided to launch a new scheme known as Valmiki Ambedkar A was Yojana to provide shelter or upgrade the existing shelter for people below poverty line in urban slums for achieving the goal of "Housing for all" as outlined in the National Housing and Habitat Policy. The details of scheme including the guidelines will be finalised in due course.

(d) and (e) The Government has decided to launch the scheme in the current year with an allocation of Rs. 100 crores as subsidy. The details of the scheme will be reviewed by the Government before its inclusion in the Tenth Five Year Plan period to ensure convergence with similar ongoing schemes of the department. Preparatory action has been initiated to start the scheme during the current financial year.

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